

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 504

By Walley

A RESOLUTION to commend Denias Smith for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session, this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Denias Smith is one such individual, who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Page Walley; Mr. Smith's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at Tennessee State University (TSU), where he is working toward a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology with a concentration in cellular molecular biology, Mr. Smith is on the Dean's List, is a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success, and has been named a TSU High Standards High Achiever and listed among the Collegiate 100 Black Men of TSU; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his adept work with Senator Walley this legislative session, Denias Smith has served as a surgical shadow intern with Dr. Chad Robbins, a research assistant with Dr. Dafeng Hui, secretary of the National Professional Advancement for Black Chemists and Engineers, president of the Dr. Levi Watkins Jr. Society, a mentor with the Tennessee Louise Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation, and a cancer research assistant at Meharry Medical College; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee State government and to further his studies, Mr. Smith brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2021 session of the One Hundred Twelfth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2021 legislative session, Denias Smith has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Denias Smith for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Page Walley and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.